DEVIN DERHAM-BURK #104353 1 **CHAPTER 13 STANDING TRUSTEE** P O Box 50013 2 San Jose, CA 95150-0013 3 Telephone: (408) 354-4413 Facsimile: (408) 354-5513 4 Trustee for Debtor(s) 5 6 7 UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT 8 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA - DIVISION 5 9 In re: 10 Chapter 13 RUBEN Z GUTIERREZ JR 11 Case No. 24-51583 MEH 12 TRUSTEE'S OBJECTION TO CONFIRMATION WITH CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE 13 341 Meeting Date: DECEMBER 2, 2024 @ 9:30 AM 14 Confirmation Hearing Date: DECEMBER 18, 2024 Confirmation Hearing Time: 1:30 PM 15 Place: Place: Telephonic or Video Only 16 Judge: M. Elaine Hammond Debtor 17 18 Devin Derham-Burk, Trustee in the above matter, objects to the Confirmation of the Debtor's Plan 19 20 for the following reasons: 1. The Trustee questions the feasibility of the Plan pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §1325(a)(6). The 21 Debtor is proposing plan payments of \$100.00 per month for 36; however, this amount 22 will be insufficient to cover the administrative expense of \$1,290.83 per month to the 23 Debtors attorney, as well as Trustee's fees. 24 25 2. The Debtor is not in compliance with 11 U.S.C. §521(a)(1)(B)(iii), as the Statement of 26 Financial Affairs is incomplete. The Debtor has omitted the amount paid to attorney prior 27

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to filing on question 16. An amended Statement of Financial Affairs must be filed.

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- 3. The Trustee is unable to determine if the Plan is in compliance with 11 U.S.C. §1325(a)(4). The Trustee has filed a separate objection to the Debtor's claimed exemptions which must be resolved prior to the Trustee recommending confirmation.
- 4. The Trustee is unable to recommend confirmation because the length of the proposed plan is less than the applicable commitment period under 11 U.S.C. §1325(b)(4). See <u>In re Flores</u>, 735 F.3d 855 (9th Cir. 2013) (en banc). The Debtor is below-median and the current plan term is 33 months. The plan term needs to be 36 months.
- 5. The Trustee cannot recommend confirmation of the Plan because the Application for Compensation has not been filed.
- 6. The Debtor has not complied with the following provisions contained in General Order 34 of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of California therefore the plan cannot be confirmed:
 - a. The Debtor has failed to provide the Chapter 13 Trustee with Form NDC 1-3
 Class 1 Checklist for each Class 1 creditor.
 - b. The Debtor has failed to provide the Chapter 13 Trustee with Form NDC 1-4 Authorization to Release Information to Trustee.

Dated: November 21, 2024 /S/ Devin Derham-Burk

Chapter 13 Trustee

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE BY MAIL

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I declare that I am over the age of 18 years, not a party to the within cause; my business address is 105 Cooper Ct, Los Gatos, California 95032. I served a copy of the within Trustee's Objection to Confirmation by placing same in an envelope in the U.S. Mail at Los Gatos, California on November 21, 2024.

Said envelopes were addressed as follows:

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/S/ Tania Ribeiro

Office of Devin Derham-Burk, Trustee

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